

1. Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

President : Girard Bouchard

Vice President: Joe Bonn

**Directors: – Bob Crowe – Linda Giguere – Ronald Gizzarelli -Anna
Mae Lapinski**

Treasurer:

Tax Collector: Jeanne Graemiger

Clerk: Christine Moniz

Chief Robert W. Seltzer

Union President – Lt. David Gorman

**Not Present – Director Elaine Hunt, Treasurer Tom LaColle, Asst
Chief Scott Tucker**

**3. Approval of Minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting –
03/17/2009**

**Correction made on item #10 B/C position tabled until May 09
meeting.**

**Motion to Approve: Director Giguere Seconded: Director Lapinski
All Vote Aye**

4. Communications

Thank you card and a \$150.00 donation was sent by Dan Noonan from Hill Farm thanking the Central Coventry Fire District for a job well done. The funds will either go toward buying new bikes during 'tis the season' or donated to another cause.

Motion to Approve: President Bouchard Seconded: Director Lapinski

All Vote Aye

5. Old Business

The Tax Collector looked into local banks collecting the taxes. Opal will take care of everything Jean will just have to post the payment. The Fire District will sign an agreement with Opal for \$300.00 per year. The services provided will be an internet website that will allow tax payers to make full or partial payments against their account with a credit card. There is a convenience fee charged to the tax payer. The fee charges are based on the amount owed. 1% - 3% of the amount owed and anything over \$700.00 there is a 3% convenience fee. The Chief suggested we can set up a link from the new Central Coventry Web site to make it easier for tax payers. Mrs. Graemiger spoke with Central Coventry Credit Union. We just need to open an account with them. The Town also uses Central Coventry Credit Union. V.P. Bonn also asked about Pay Pal, but it works the same way the District is covered and we will get our money. The

District agrees to sign the contract and to use one Bank for one year to see how it works out.

Move to go with \$300.00 set up fee. A copy of the agreement was given to the Clerk to the Board.

Exemption Committee- File was given to Director Gizzarelli for exemption evaluation. He will look into State Wide Exemptions

**Motion to Approve: President Bouchard Seconded: Director Crowe
All Vote Aye**

6. President's Report – Met with Chief Seltzer two times. Also met with the Union President Gorman. No issues to report. Attended the party for Retired Captain Roderick. It was a very nice time. Hill Farm Station has been cleaned up. Met with the boys at the hockey game and every thing seems to be running fine.

Reminder that negotiations with the Chief and Asst. Chief need to be set up. A time and place need to be established with V.P. Bonn.

**Motion to Approve: Director Lapinski Seconded: Director Crowe
All Vote Aye**

7. Chief's Report

Central Coventry Fire District received a Legislative grant in the Amount of \$1,000.00 from Representative Guthrie. We will use the money to by a Cyanide meter for the Engine.

Rescue 5 – we have three options for our Rescue 5

- 1. Refurbish at a cost of \$89,000.00**
- 2. Add a bay to the side of the building 16' x 40' at the cost of \$80,000.00**
- 3. Increase the height to the bay door but it has a granite header and the age of the building is a factor. The cost would be \$70,000.00**
- 4. Lower the floor, but that may cause a drainage issue. The cost would be \$40,000.00.**

Our Goal is to get an Engine and a Rescue back at Station 5.

Hill Farm Road will be open for a test run. Looking into future staffing for this station long term. It would help with response time in that district with a rescue and an engine.

Ladder #3 was sold for \$3,000.00

Engine #2 was sold for \$1,000.00 for scrap

Approval of Chief's Report

**Motion to Approve: Director Crowe Seconded: Director Gizzarelli
All Vote Aye**

Action Item: to allow a retiree to spread out payments of accrued time. Also allow for healthcare buyout. Vote for the Board to give President Bouchard permission to finalize the language with the Union. The Chief, Union and the Board will need to sign off on the final approval.

Motion to give President Bouchard permission to finalize language.

Motion to Approve: V.P. Bonn Seconded: Director Giguere

8. Treasurer's Report

A question was brought up on what reimbursable expenses are. We will need to ask the Treasurer at the next Board meeting.

**Motion to Approve: Director Giguere Seconded: V.P. Bonn
All Vote Aye**

9. Tax Collector's Report

Redoing the tax roll for upcoming tax sale. The planning department is making sure that before an approval is made for building all taxes are paid.

Have not heard from Mrs. Lyons about her agreement to pay her taxes back from 2003. We will send her a lawyer's letter.

We received a letter from Mr. Steve Wilkinson. He wants to know if he gets a credit if he pays his taxes early. Because if he pays his taxes late he is charged a late fee.

**Motion to Approve: Director Crowe Seconded: Director Gizzarelli
All Vote Aye**

10. New Business –

Executive session will be added for the Chief and the Assistant Chief contracts.

**Motion to Approve: President Bouchard Seconded: Director Crowe
All Vote Aye**

11. Introduction of new business to be considered at the next Board

Meeting.

Rescue 5

Motion to Approve: Director Gizzarelli Seconded: Director Bouchard

All Vote Aye

12. Good & Welfare

FF Giles Father passed away wake will be Thursday from 4-7

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13. Adjournment – 9:04 pm

Motion to Adjourn: Director Giguere Seconded: Director Lapinski

All Vote Aye